

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-9. (Cancelled).

10. (Original) A mount assembly for resiliently mounting an engine to a motorcycle, the engine including a mounting portion defining substantially parallel first and second engine surfaces, the mount assembly comprising:

a frame including a mounting portion, the mounting portion defining a frame surface and a mounting axis that is substantially normal to the frame surface;

a first resilient mount having a first frame interface that engages the frame surface, and a first engine interface that engages the first engine surface;

a second resilient mount having second engine interface that engages the second engine surface, and a second frame interface; and

a preload bracket removably coupled to the frame and having a bracket surface that engages the second frame interface and axially compresses the first and second resilient mounts.

11. (Original) The mount assembly of claim 10, wherein the first and second resilient mounts are substantially identical, each mount including a flange portion that is at least partially received by a bore defined by the engine mounting portion.

12. (Original) The mount assembly of claim 11, wherein each mount includes an integral sleeve extending axially through the mount, the sleeves providing axial alignment between the resilient mounts, the frame, and the preload bracket.

13. (Original) The mount assembly of claim 10, further comprising a mounting shaft that extends through the first and second resilient mounts and a threaded member for tensioning the mounting shaft, and wherein axial compression applied to the first and second mounts by the preload brackets remains substantially constant regardless of tension applied to the mounting shaft.

14. (Original) The mount assembly of claim 13, wherein the threaded member includes a bolt, and wherein the bolt pivotally couples a swingarm to the mounting shaft.

15. (Original) A mount assembly for resiliently mounting an engine to a motorcycle, the mount assembly comprising:

a generally cylindrical resilient mount including a substantially rigid plate defining an aperture, a substantially rigid flange member having an annular portion and a cylindrical portion extending from the annular portion, a first volume of resilient material extending between the rigid plate and the annular portion, and a second volume of resilient material extending radially inwardly from the cylindrical portion; and

a mounting shaft extending through the aperture, fixed with respect to the rigid plate, and defining an axis, the mounting shaft contacting the second volume of resilient material upon sufficient movement of the rigid plate with respect to the flange member, thereby resiliently limiting radial movement of the rigid plate with respect to the flange member.

16. (Original) The mount assembly of claim 15, wherein the second volume includes a radially inwardly extending circumferential rib, and wherein the shaft engages the rib upon sufficient movement of the rigid plate with respect to the flange member.

17. (Original) The mount assembly of claim 16, wherein the rib is substantially concentric with respect to the mounting shaft when the engine is mounted in the motorcycle.

18. (Original) The mount assembly of claim 15, wherein the first volume defines a generally cylindrical inner surface, and wherein at least a portion of the second volume extends radially inwardly beyond the inner surface.

19. (Original) The mount assembly of claim 15, wherein radial movement of the resilient plate with respect to the flange is limited substantially uniformly about a circumference of the mounting shaft.